Ministry of Water Resources has not received any such request. However, Government of Maharashtra has informed that a request has been made by them to the Ministry of Environment & Forest which is under their consideration.

**Augmentation of ground water in Delhi**

746. SHRIAIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether rain harvesting offers a great potential for augmenting ground water resources for the capital and other drought-prone areas of the country;

(b) if so, whether the Central Groundwater Authority has assessed the extent of water augmentation potential of rain in Delhi and other States; if so. the details in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken for effectively harvesting rain water for augmenting ground water resources in Delhi and other States during the last two years and how far rain water has been diverted for augmenting ground water resources so far in Delhi and other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per assessment made by the Central Groundwater Board, it is estimated that 36453 MCM (Million Cubic Metre) of surplus rain run-off could be augmented to ground water annually in the country. State-wise availability of rain water for ground water recharge in given in the enclosed Statement. (Seebelow).

(c)The Central Groundwater Board has implemented a Central Sector Scheme on Study of Recharge of Groundwater on "pilot basis" during the IX Five Year Plan at a cost of Rs. 23.48 crore. Under this scheme, a total number of 174 projects have been approved for implementation in 27 States/Union Territories. During the last two years the Board has taken up 155 pilot projects in various States of the country out of which, 15 projects were in Delhi. As per the assessment made so far in the States of Maharashtra, Haryana, Punjab, NCT of Delhi and Rajasthan, 66690 cubic metre of rain water have been diverted for augmenting ground water resources through experimental studies.

***Statement***

*State- Wise estimated a vailability of rain water for ground water recharge*

| SI. No. | State/UTs | Availability of rain Water (in MCM) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 1095 |
| 2. | Bihar (including Jharkhand) | 1120 |
| 3. | Chhattisgarh | 258 |
| 4. | NCT of Delhi | 444 |
| 5. | Goa | 529 |
| 6. | Gujarat | 1408 |
| 7. | Haryana | 685 |
| 8. | Himachal Pradesh | 149 |
| 9. | Jammu and Kashmir | 161 |
| 10. | Karnataka | 2065 |
| 11. | Kerala | 1078 |
| 12. | Madhya Pradesh | 2320 |
| 13. | Maharashtra | 2318 |
| 14. | Orissa | 406 |
| 15. | Punjab | 1200 |
| 16. | Rajasthan | 861 |
| 17. | Sikkim | 44 |
| 18. | Tamil Nadu | 3597 |
| 19. | Uttar Pradesh (including | 14022 |
| 20. | West Bengal | 2664 |
| 21. | Andaman and Nicobar Islands | 3 |
| 22. | Chandigarh | 26 |

**World Bank loan for irrigation and water projects of Rajasthan**

†747. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURSES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that World Bank has sanctioned a loan of Rs. 14 crore for irrigation and water management project of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the number of farmers to be benefited from the same; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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